IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Justin P. Misleh
FUMIHIRO GOTO ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2622
Application No.: 10/541,383)	•
	:	Confirmation No.: 6331
Filed: July 1, 2005)	
•	:	Notice of Allowance: October 2, 2009
For: IMAGE SUPPLY DEVICE,)	
RECORDING SYSTEM, AND	:	
CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR)	November 13, 2009

Mail Stop Issue Fee

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The Statement of Reasons for Allowance that accompanies the October 2, 2009 Notice of Allowance states, in part, "The closest prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest where the determination means determines that recording process can be restarted in a case where at least one of a model name, a manufacturer name, and a vendor name of a recording apparatus coincides with one of a model name, a manufacturer name, and a vendor name of the recording apparatus which has interrupted the recording process. But Claim 1 recites a determination unit, while independent Claim 6 recites a determining step and independent Claim 9 recites a determination step. Nevertheless, these claims are allowable for the unique combination of features recited therein.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

/Gary M. Jacobs/

Gary M. Jacobs Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 28,861

FITZPATRICK CELLA HARPER & SCINTO 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10104-3800 Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

GMJ/klm

FCHS_WS 4095733v1